

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/23/21 H3/22/21

2 93rd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2021

HOUSE BILL 1459

4

5 By: Representatives Penzo, Pilkington

6 By: Senator K. Hammer

7

8

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE
10 REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES BY THE
11 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

12

13

14

Subtitle

15

16 TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
17 ARE REIMBURSED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
18 SERVICES BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID
19 PROGRAM.

20

21

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

22

23

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24

25

20-77-140. Reimbursement for behavioral health services.

26

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for behavioral health services that are provided in a federally qualified health center by at a minimum:

27

28

(1) A clinical psychologist;

29

(2) A licensed certified social worker;

30

(3) A licensed professional counselor;

31

(4) A licensed mental health counselor; or

32

(5) A licensed marriage and family therapist.

33

(b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section.

34

35

36



1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

/s/Penzo